

SC Arts Commission
Board Meeting
held at
The Governor's School for the Arts
Greenville, SC
Wednesday, February 28, 2001

Members present	Chairman Pat Wilson, Virginia Self Brennan, Carrie Brown, Judy Cooter, Pam Harpootlian, Sybil Whitenburg
Members absent	Elizabeth Adams, Carolyn Govan, John Heaton
Staff present	Susie Surkamer, Ken May, Marion Draine, Jeanette Guinn, Larry Hembree, Rusty Sox
Call to order	Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
Introductions	Ms. Wilson introduced Patrick Van Huss, who will be joining the board as a new member later this year. Ms. Wilson expressed thanks to the Governor's School for the Arts and Ms. Virginia Uldrick for hosting the board meeting. Ms. Uldrick introduced William Hall, Vice President for Budget and Operations and Pat Widham, Dean of the Governor's School.
Approval of Minutes	Ms. Wilson asked for corrections or changes to the minutes of December 6, 2000. There were none.
Motion	Ms. Brennan moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2000 meeting. Ms. Cooter seconded. The motion was approved.
SCAC building	Ms. Surkamer updated the board on the ownership status of the Arts Commission's office building at 1800 Gervais Street. The state is in the process of buying the building from the private landlord. The Arts Commission will enter into a 15-year lease with the state, and maintenance of the building will become the responsibility of the state's Office of General Services.
Verner Recommendations	Marion Draine presented panel recommendations for recipients of the 2001 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Awards. The board approved motions to accept the panel recommendations in the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>
Individual	Shari Hutchinson	Harpootlian/Cooter
Organization	Marlboro Civic Center Fdn.	Whitenburg/Harpootlian

Individual artist	Dick Goodwin	Harpootlian/Brennan
Lifetime achievement	Philip Simmons	Harpootlian/Brennan
Government	McKissick Museum	Cooter/Harpootlian

In two categories, the panel requested the board to make selections from finalists in the Business/Foundation and Arts in Education categories.

Members discussed the finalists in the Business/Foundation category.

Motion Ms. Whitenburg moved to select Chernoff/Silver & Associates as the recipient. Ms. Brennan seconded. The motion was approved.

Chairman Wilson excused herself from the room for the following votes due to a conflict of interest. Vice Chairman Cooter presided in her absence.

Motion In the Arts in Education category, Ms. Whitenburg moved that members vote separately on the nominees for the individual and organization awards. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion Ms. Brown moved that the board approve the panel recommendation of Barry Goldsmith for the Arts in Education Individual Award. Ms. Cooter seconded. The motion was approved.

Members discussed the finalists in the Arts in Education organization award.

Motion Ms. Harpootlian moved that the board approve the Governor's School for the Arts as the award recipient. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion was approved.

Ms. Wilson returned to the meeting. Ms. Draine explained the schedule of events for the Verner Awards presentation on May 9, 2001.

Chairman's report Ms. Wilson reported on her appearance before the agency's House Ways and Means subcommittee and her meetings with legislators. She reported progress in getting House and Senate members to join the Arts Caucuses in both houses, and reminded commissioners of the need for strong advocacy in the legislature on budget issues.

Commissioners'

reports	<p>Ms. Harpootlian reported strong participation among constituents and legislators at Arts Advocacy Day on February 6.</p> <p>Ms. Brennan reported on a positive meeting she and Ms. Surkamer had with Senator Glenn McConnell.</p> <p>Ms. Surkamer reported for Ms. Govan on the ABC Steering Committee meeting held on February 22, 2001. She also announced that Christine Fisher of Florence (former teacher of the year) has been hired as the new ABC director. Also, teacher institutes are planned for the summer.</p>
2 nd quarter financial statement	Ms. Surkamer presented the financial report for the second quarter.
Motion	Ms. Cooter moved to approve the statement. Ms. Harpootlian seconded. The motion was approved.
Exec. Director report	<p><u>Humanities Council Grant</u></p> <p>Ms. Surkamer reported the SCAC has received a \$15,000 grant from the S.C. Humanities Council for the Community Scholars program.</p> <p><u>Wallace/Reader's Digest Funds</u></p> <p>The SCAC has applied for \$1 million from the Wallace/Reader's Digest Funds for work on cultural participation. Notification of whether the request is successful should come by mid-March.</p> <p><u>Senate Arts Caucus</u></p> <p>A meeting of the Senate Arts Caucus is set for March 6.</p> <p><u>Budget cuts</u></p> <p>Ms. Surkamer briefed board members on budget cuts approved by the House Ways and Means Committee. The plan cuts the SCAC's base budget by 20%, and does not retain \$700,000 in one-time funds, totaling a more than 30% cut to the agency's budget. Ms. Surkamer distributed the agency's proposal for reducing the budget. Discussion on the proposal took place.</p>
Motion	<p>Ms. Harpootlian made a motion that the board send a letter to the legislature stating that – due to cutbacks in programs, line-item monies should go through the agency for distribution. After discussion, she withdrew the motion.</p> <p>By consensus, board members asked SCAC staff to investigate reducing line items in the budget by a percentage equal to the total percentage cut in the agency's budget.</p>
Constituent forum	Board members participated in a facilitated discussion with constituents as part of the agency's long-range planning process.

Lunch was served, followed by a guided tour of the Governor's School for the Arts.

Grant requests

SC Arts Alliance

Mr. Charlie Boswell of the Arts Alliance made a presentation requesting an increase in the organization's biennial support grant.

SC Humanities Council

Mr. Bruce Lane of the Humanities Council made a presentation requesting continued funding at current levels for the SC Book Festival.

By consensus, the board decided to delay decisions on the Arts Alliance and Humanities Council requests pending the outcome of the Arts Commission's budget.

Revival

Mr. Ben Boozer of Revival made a presentation requesting the board's approval of the Cultural Visions Council's recommendation of a \$25,000 implementation grant to the Rock Hill Arts Council for Ripple-Effect, with funds directed for use in web site development and promotion.

Discussion followed.

Motion

Ms. Harpootlian moved to approve the recommendation of the Cultural Visions Council, pending the submission by Revival of requested budget materials and approval of SCAC staff, with a matching funds requirement consistent with Cultural Visions grant guidelines. Ms. Brennan seconded. The motion was approved.

Arts in Education grants

Mr. May presented staff recommendations for FY2002 Arts in Education grants. He noted several late applications which could be attributed to a recent change in the grant application due date.

Motion

Ms. Cooter moved to accept the late submissions for all AIE categories presented. Ms. Whitenburg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

Ms. Brown moved to accept staff recommendations for ABC Advancement, District Arts Coordinator Initiative, and Strategic Projects, with approved figures to be treated as a base amount which could be increased pending final agency budget decisions. Ms. Whitenburg seconded. The motion was approved.

Motion	Ms. Cooter moved to accept staff recommendations for AIE Residency Plus Multi-site and individual grants. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Motion	<p><u>Coastal Community Concert Assn. (CODA) request</u></p> <p>Ms. Brennan moved to accept the staff recommendations. Ms. Cooter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Facilities Construction Grants</u></p> <p>Mr. May presented staff recommendations for Facilities Construction Grants, noting that new money from the legislature may not become available to fund the projects.</p>
Motion	<p>Ms. Brennan moved to accept staff recommendations pending availability of funding. Ms. Cooter seconded. The motion was approved.</p> <p>Ms. Surkamer outlined the staff's plans for using a combined panel process for reviewing the next round of annual and biennial support grant applications.</p>
Long range planning	Ms. Surkamer outlined the elements of the agency's current long-range planning process, which includes a series of public meetings. She invited board members to attend meetings in their regions and possibly deliver a welcome at one of the meetings.
Next meeting	The next meetings will be May 24-25 in Charleston and June 27 in Columbia.
Adjourn	There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.